

2012 HAM OF THE YEAR



The annual SAARA dinner was held at Salem Hills Golf and Country Club. During the evening Lela McClaren, KB8YPD, last year's recipient, presented Mel Lippiatt, KA8OEB, with SAARA's Ham of the Year award. This annual award goes to the member who has consistently attends meetings during the year, and has done much for the Club over the years. Mel graciously accepted the award and threatened to read a 5-page acceptance speech. (Joke - That didn't happen.) Congratulations Mel!

The planned speaker didn't show, but we had a good time swapping Ham related lies, er stories.

Mel relaid the following information - The flag pole on the Village Green needs to be replaced, as it is in bad shape. The Salem Memorial and Patriotic Society is taking on that task, and is accepting donations. More than \$1600 is needed to achieve this goal. It is hoped this will be accomplished by Memorial Day. The club voted to donate \$100 to the flag pole project.



May 1987

COMMENTS FROM OUR VP

I would like to Congratulate Mel KA8OEB for being voted Ham of the Year for 2012.

I would also like to thank those that helped us this past year by furnishing communications for the different activities here in Salem.

It was good to see those that were at the SAARA dinner and being able to talk to them. I understand of a lot of clubs have a dinner followed by their meeting. We might think about this and maybe talk about the thought at the next meeting.

I'd like to mention a few of the upcoming 2013 activities, and would like to hear more Hams checking into the SAARA Net every Tuesday evening at 9PM on 146.805 PL 162.2. We could also use some help at net control. We do have a receiver for this repeater in Salem on the Salem Community Hospital. Should be able to get in for those that hadn't been able to in the past.

Don't forget about the Memorial Day Parade this year on May 27, we will need some extra operators to cover the extra distance as we will go the long route to Grandview Cemetery. We will have breakfast at the Memorial Building at 8:00 A.M. with ceremony at the green at 9A.M. , with lineup for the parade about 9:30 and start of the parade at 10 A.M..

Reference the flagpole project by the Salem Memorial and Patriotic Society. They have been soliciting donations of any amount to defray the cost of the flagpole material, and labor to put it in. Cost of the flag pole was estimated at a little over \$1600.

There will be VE testing coming up on March 16 at the Columbiana County EMA, 215 S. Market Street, Lisbon. Registration at 1:00 PM testing about 1:30. Other dates for testing are. May 18, July 20, September 21, November 16.

Skywarn this year will be March 19 at the Columbiana County Career Center, with registration at 6:30 P.M. and classes starting at 7PM.

The Lions' Club has their 5K run in July, believe the 13, could use a few operators probably 4 or 5. It usually goes off in Waterworth Park and in the woods and a couple of streets they form at the pavilion where we have field day.

I understand Mahoning county Skywarn is on March 20 at Austintown Fitch High School. Checkin at 5:30 P.M.

SAARA will be having field day this year at Waterworth Memorial Park off Superior Ave. at pavilion eight, the big pavilion. We always have a cover Dish around 6PM on Saturday nite. All are welcome. Nothing like Pot Luck.

We meet normally at the Salem Public Library in the Quaker Room at 6:30Pm for our regular monthly meeting. Guests are welcome.

Next meetings will be April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5. Mark these dates on your calender.

Dave N8GOB

**SAARA MEETS THE FIRST
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 P.M.
AT THE SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
821 EAST STATE ST., SALEM, OH**

2013 MEETING DATES:

APRIL 4

MAY 2

JUNE 6

JUNE 22 & 23 FIELD DAY

JULY 11

AUGUST 8

SEPTEMBER 12

OCTOBER 3

NOVEMBER 7

DECEMBER 5

<http://www.qsl.net/saara>

John Hanson -- not George Washington -- was the first president of the U.S. When the Congress met in 1781, the U.S. was governed by the Articles of Confederation, which were adopted in 1777 and ratified by the states in 1781. At that meeting, Congress elected John Hanson its "President of the U.S. in Congress assembled." George Washington became the first president of the U.S. under the U.S. Constitution in 1789.

2013 FIELD DAY



It's never too early to start thinking of ARRL Field Day. Unfamiliar with Field Day? It's a 24 hour nationwide exercise always held the fourth full weekend in June. This year it will be held June 22nd and 23rd. ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. More than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. The 2013 Field Day packet is available for download from the ARRL website www.arrl.org.

Fun fact. According to http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time, the estimated value of volunteer time in 2011 is \$21.79 per hour. Check out the website to see how they came up with that number.

Some people think volunteering is on the decline. Here is some information I found to refute that statement.

According to <http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>,

In 2011, the number of volunteers reached its highest level in five years, as 64.3 million Americans volunteered through an organization, an increase of 1.5 million from 2010. Americans volunteered a total of almost 8 billion hours, an estimated economic value of roughly \$171 billion. A majority of Americans assisted their neighbors in some way and more than a third actively participated in a civic, religious, or school group. Americans overwhelmingly volunteered in schools or with other youth organizations, working to advance the lives of young people. Nearly three out of five volunteers aged 25-54 are parents to children who are under 18. These parents volunteered well above the national average, focusing on helping fill local needs while also serving as role models—showing their children that community involvement is a critical choice and habit that can improve lives.

In final, there is no right or wrong answer when it comes to your arsenal of communications. It's all about what works for you. When it comes to emergencies and disasters, being prepared will lead you to being ready. Being ready will help make you a part of the solution and not part of the problem. That's all for this month. As always, I thank you for everything you do for amateur radio.

73 de Matt W8DEC

WEATHER NEWS

BRIGHT COMET: This weekend, bright Comet Pan-STARRS is making a close approach to the sun inside the orbit of Mercury where fierce solar heat is helping the comet reach naked-eye visibility.

Observers in the northern hemisphere are making their first sightings now as the comet emerges from solar glare low in the western sky after sunset. Soon, the comet could be widely visible to casual sky watchers--no telescope required. Visit <http://spaceweather.com> for images, sky maps and observing tips.

SOLAR FLARE ALERTS: Would you like a call when solar flares are underway? X-flare alerts are available from <http://spaceweather-text.com> (text) and <http://spaceweatherphone.com> (voice).



The American Cancer Society Pan Ohio Hope Ride (POHR) is looking for amateur radio volunteers. This event is a 328 mile bicycle ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati spanning 12 counties in four days. I am looking at this event as a "all hands on deck" type of event. Amateur radio plays a key role in event logistics and safety communications. With approximately 500 cyclists out traveling the back roads and bike trails of Ohio, we really could use all the help we can get. We're primarily looking for Net Control Stations and operators to be stationed at start, finish, water stops, and strategic locations throughout the course. The Pan Ohio Hope Ride committee is very grateful for the efforts, experience, and expertise many hams bring to the table. Visit the ARES page on the Ohio Section website www.arrl-ohio.org for amateur radio details. Check out www.panohiohope ride.org for ride details. http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=53354&pg=entry

73 de Matt W8DEC

LOCAL 2013 SKYWARN TRAINING SESSIONS

Mahoning Skywarn - Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Austintown Fitch High School, Auditorium - 4560 Falcon Drive, Austintown, OH 44515

Doors open/check in 5:15pm, Class starts 6:00pm

Columbiana County Skywarn - Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center (CCCTC).

Registration at 6:30PM, training at 7:00PM.

Call the Columbiana County EMA to pre-register at 330-424-9725



OHIO SECTION YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM ANNOUNCED



During the ARRL forum held at the Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest on Sunday, February 17, 2013, Ohio Section Manager Frank J. Piper, K18GW announced the formation of a new program in the Ohio Section, Youth and Educational Outreach. The goal of this program is to assist Schools, Youth Organizations, and Amateur Radio Clubs in educating our youth about Amateur Radio.

There are many programs and grants the ARRL offers to teachers and schools, which may go unnoticed simply because they are just not aware of how the science and technology of Amateur Radio can be brought into the classroom. There are many Boy/Girl Scout events which demonstrate Amateur Radio, and then the kids simply go back to their home councils, and never have the chance to research the hobby further. And, many Amateur Radio Clubs wish to develop younger members, but simply do not know where to gather resources to start a prosperous Elmer program. That is where this new program will come in.

The Educational Outreach program will be headed up by E. Mike McCardel, KC8YLD, who will vacate his Affiliated Club Coordinator position to assume an Assistant Section Manager (ASM), Youth and Educational Outreach appointment, heading up a team of three other Assistant Section Managers, each with a responsibility for various aspects for this program. Those new ASM positions will be:

- ASM Radio Scouting
- ASM Youth Outreach
- ASM Educational Outreach

We are looking for applicants to fill these three roles. Applications should submit their qualifications to the Section Manager no later than 11:59pm local time, Thursday, February 28, 2013. After applications are submitted, selected candidates will be interviewed by E. Mike McCardel and the Section Manager. Appointments will be announced no later than March 20, 2013.

If sounds like something that interests you, go to http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/Section_News.html to read the descriptions and requirements for each ASM position.

We look forward to hearing from all potential applicants for these positions. This is an exciting project that the Ohio Section is undertaking. We need passionate and talented people to make this project a success.

This will not be an easy program, and those volunteering may reach a lot of dead ends. But I'm one of those people who say "Throw spaghetti on the wall, and see what sticks". Any win from this program is a huge win for the youth of Ohio.

As with E. Mike, I ask all the clubs in the Ohio Section, look into your future plans, do they include a Youth Outreach? Has our club put on a demonstration, or made a contribution of materials to your local library? When your ARES group is providing help at a public service event, are you hidden in the shadows? Get visible and get active.

Let's show the public what Amateur Radio can do these days. I look forward to seeing you at future Hamfest visits and club meetings!

73, Frank J. Piper, K18GW
Ohio Section Manager
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BSA TO OFFER AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RATING STRIP

01/18/2013

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.



"Last year, the BSA Awards and Insignia Committee introduced the Morse Code Interpreter Strip upon the recommendation of the BSA's National Radio Scouting Committee," Wilson told the ARRL. "We are always looking for ways to promote Amateur Radio, both within Scouting and to the world. The National Radio Scouting Committee thought this new Amateur Radio rating strip was a wonderful way to do exactly that, as it readily identifies to everyone that the wearer is a licensed radio amateur, prepared to be useful and to help others."

Wilson, who heads up the National Radio Scouting Committee, said that the Amateur Radio Operator rating strip is similar to the Amateur Radio Operator badge offered as a proficiency badge by Scouts Australia, as well as the badge recently introduced by Scouting Netherlands. It follows in the footsteps of the Scout Radioman personal interest badge for Senior Scouts and Explorer Scouts that was offered by the Boy Scouts of America in the 1940s. The strip is worn on the right sleeve (see illustration above).

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

2012-13 SAARA MEMBERS

Taylor Adams KD8QQK
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Bob Tullis W8HZ #
Dave Volpe KB8NYS #
Jack Walsh W8GUO
Frank Zamarelli (Honorary Member)

** Life Members
2013 Members

2013 OFFICERS

President	Ernie Greenisen	KC8QPH
Vice President	Dave Sprouse	N8GOB
Secretary	Roger Thawley	KC8CTV
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Trustee's

1 Yr.	Don Kemp	NN8B
1 Yr.	Ginger Grilli	KC8ZFK
2 Yr.	Jane Avnet	K8JAA

Club Dues Structure

Full Membership	\$15.00/Year (Includes immediate family members)
Full Retired	\$12.00/Year
Associate Member	\$10.00/Year
Non-Member Newsletter	\$ 3.00/Year

Join the ARRL through your local ARRL affiliate club. When you do, the club gets \$15.00 for new members. A great way to support our club and have privileges that come with ARRL membership.

OFFICIAL CLUB ADDRESSES

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All submittals for SAARA Speaks must be received by the Editor (k8jaa@arrl.net) or hand delivered no later than December 10, March 10, June 10 or September 10 enabling the newsletters to be mailed and received prior to the months covered by them.

Advertisements for equipment for sale must also adhere to the same schedule. Newsletters are emailed to current members who have email addresses, and mailed to other subscribers, clubs that send newsletters to SAARA, and to selected officials.



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Columbiana County NETS

Sunday	9:00 P.M. East Liverpool	146.700	Triangle ARC NET
Monday	8:00 P.M. Columbiana County		Columbiana County Emergency Training NET (ARES)
This NET alternates (lowest to highest) between 146.700, 146.775, 146.805, 147.255 and 147.285 repeaters in Columbiana County.			
	8:30 P.M. Bible Study on the Air	147.285	KB8MNE
Tuesday	7:30 P.M. Salem	147.510 Simplex	Homeland Security Net (last Tuesday of every month)
	9:00 P.M. Salem	K8BTP 147.255	Northern Columbiana County SAARA NET
	9:30 P.M. Salem	KB8MNE 28.310 SSB	SAARA Rag Chew Net
Thursday	8:30 P.M. Alliance	28.400 SSB	Alliance ARC NET
	9:00 P.M. Alliance	145.370	Alliance ARC NET
Saturday	8:00 P.M.	146.805- PL162.2	Skywarn net